

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION</b>	)	
<b>OF IDAHO POWER COMPANY TO</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. IPC-E-05-36</b>
<b>INCLUDE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH</b>	)	
<b>ITS CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM IN THE</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF APPLICATION</b>
<b>COMPANY'S PCA ON AN ONGOING BASIS</b>	)	
	)	<b>NOTICE OF MODIFIED</b>
	)	<b>PROCEDURE</b>
	)	
	)	<b>ORDER NO. 29918</b>

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 28, 2005, Idaho Power Company filed an Application for an Order to include its continuing cloud seeding expenses in its annual Power Cost Adjustment (PCA). Idaho Power has operated a cloud seeding program for several years, and in December 2004, the Commission approved the Company's request for an Order authorizing it to defer the variable cloud seeding costs incurred during the 2004-2005 winter. Idaho Power asserts that the data collected during the past three years demonstrates the effectiveness of the cloud seeding program. The Company values the additional streamflows produced by the program and associated benefits at 1.7 times the program costs, which are approximately \$1 million per year.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that Idaho Power's Application states that it is making two specific requests of the Commission: (1) that the Commission allow the Company to defer the expenses it will incur to continue the cloud seeding program during the winter of 2005-2006, and (2) that the Commission authorize the Company to include the future cloud seeding program expenses as a part of its PCA rates on an ongoing basis beginning with the 2006-2007 PCA period. The Company is not requesting recovery of its capital investment in the cloud seeding program but has included that request in its general rate case, Case No. IPC-E-05-28. Expenses included in the Company's PCA are shared on a 90%/10% ratio between customers and shareholders. The Company requested that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and Idaho Power at the addresses reflected below:

Commission Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W. Washington Street  
Boise, ID 83702-5983

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to Idaho Power at the e-mail addresses listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit

set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting workpapers, testimonies and exhibits have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Application and testimonies and exhibits are also available on the Commission's website at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov) under the "File Room" icon and then "Electric Cases."

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* § 61-503. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 61.

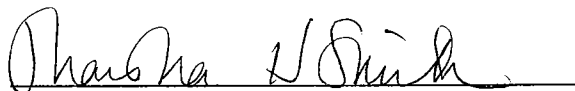
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*


#### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Idaho Power Company's request to include expenses of its cloud seeding program in with the Company's PCA be processed by Modified Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Persons interested in submitting written comments in this matter must do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

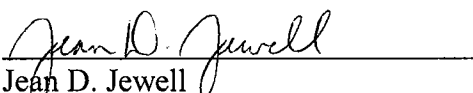
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of November 2005.

  
PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

  
DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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